

As a spokesperson for the members & Veterans for Justice group at the Grand Rapids home, we come together in support of the Ombudsman bill set before us, hoping that we all can move forward in doing what is right in the souls and well being of our fellow Veterans. We are unfortunate to inform the State Senate today that many Veterans were denied their right to be present with us, this is because the new Chief Operating Officer would not approve a bus to transport them, nor offer any other alternative solution in doing so, and to say furthermore, that it is not in his best interest! Also replying that the Veterans home already has an Ombudsman!

When members found out about this transportation issue, they felt alienated & unappreciated by someone who they thought was here to finally help them. The Veterans home will not acknowledge the fact that these Government Ombudsman agency's have failed miserably for several years, but it is considered cost effective & saves the State money. We as a group have long since realized that if you want to put a price on the care of our fellow Veterans, you're going to get what you pay for.